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Our Case No. 5404/108

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Takahiro Ueda et al.	)	
International Serial No. PCT/JP2004/000117	)	
U.S. Serial No.: 10/541,446	)	Examiner: Sudhakar Katakam
International Filing Date: January 9, 2004	)	Group Art Unit: 1621
U.S. Filing Date: June 22, 2006	)	Confirmation No. 6380
Title: METHOD OF PURIFYING	)	
REDUCED COENZYME Q <sub>10</sub>	)	

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The Office Action of February 4, 2008, contains a single rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Merck & Co., Inc. (GB Patent No. 947,643) in view of "Kijima et al (US 4,061,660), Kijima et al (US 4,039,573) and Morita et al (US 4,163,664)."

The Examiner contends that the Merck & Co. reference teaches preparation and purification of reduced coenzyme Q<sub>10</sub> from the oxidized form of coenzyme Q<sub>10</sub> in ethanol,